

CLAIMS

1. An automotive trim part, adapted for placement on an auto or truck proximate an automotive part having a designated color, the automotive trim part comprising:

an inner underlying layer

an intermediate paint layer overlying the inner layer;

an outer layer overlying the intermediate layer, the outer layer comprising of a colored transparent material having a color matching the designated color of the automotive part.

2. The automotive trim part of claim 1, wherein the intermediate paint layer includes light reflective flakes.

3. The automotive trim part of claim 2, wherein the light reflective flakes are metallic.

4. The automotive trim part of claim 3, wherein the outer layer is a film sheet having a light transmissive clearness permitting exposure of the color from the intermediate paint layer.

5. The automotive trim part of claim 4, wherein the film sheet is comprised of a pigment color matching the designated color of the automotive part.

6. Combination for mounting to a structural automotive surface, said combination comprising a first automotive body or trim component (a) and a second automotive body or trim component (b),

said first component (a) comprising a paint film laminate covered substrate, said laminate comprising an inner layer attachable to said automotive surface, an intermediate paint layer overlying said inner layer, and a transparent outer layer overlying said intermediate layer, said outer layer having a color pigment therein;

said second automotive body or trim component (b) located proximate said first component (a) and having a colored surface, said color pigment in said transparent outer layer of (a) having substantially the same color as said colored surface of (b).

7. Combination as recited in claim 6 wherein said intermediate layer of component (a) comprises light reflective flakes therein.

8. Combination as recited in claim 7 wherein such light reflective flakes are metallic flakes selected from the group consisting of aluminum flakes, chromium flakes, copper flakes, bronze flakes, copper bronze flakes, nickel flakes, zinc flakes, magnesium flakes, silver flakes, gold flakes, or platinum flakes.

9. Combination as recited in claim 7 wherein said light reflective flakes are chosen from the group consisting of mica flakes, glass flakes, coated mica flakes, coated glass flakes and aluminum coated polymer film flakes.

10. Combination as recited in claim 6 wherein said components (a) and (b) are contiguous and mate along a common border.

11. Combination as recited in claim 10 wherein component (a) is a body side trim part, a bumper part, a rocker panel, a windshield trim part, a rear window trim part or a door column trim part.

12. Method of making a plural component automotive part comprising,

- a) providing a mold cavity having a show side surface.
- b) positioning a paint film laminate in said mold cavity covering only a portion of said show side surface, said paint film laminate having an inner underlying layer, an intermediate paint layer overlying the inner layer and an outer layer overlying the intermediate layer wherein the outer layer comprises a colored transparent material.
- c) inserting a molten plastic material into said mold cavity whereby a portion of said plastic material flows under said inner layer of said paint film laminate and fuses thereto with other plastic material flowing along a remaining show side of said cavity that is not covered by said paint film laminate.
- d) allowing said plastic material to set; and
- e) removing said plastic material and bonded laminate from said mold cavity, whereby a part is provided with said outer layer of said

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laminate and said plastic disposed along a side of said part and having a common boundary.

13. Method as recited in claim 12 wherein said intermediate paint layer comprises light reflective flakes and said colored transparent material has a first color, said method further comprising imparting a second color to said plastic material disposed along said remaining side of said part, said first and second colors being substantially the same.

14. Method as recited in claim 13 wherein said step of imparting a second color to said plastic material comprises injecting colored plastic into said mold cavity.

15. Method as recited in claim 13 wherein said step of imparting a second color to said plastic material comprises painting said plastic material after said plastic material and bonded laminate are removed from said mold.